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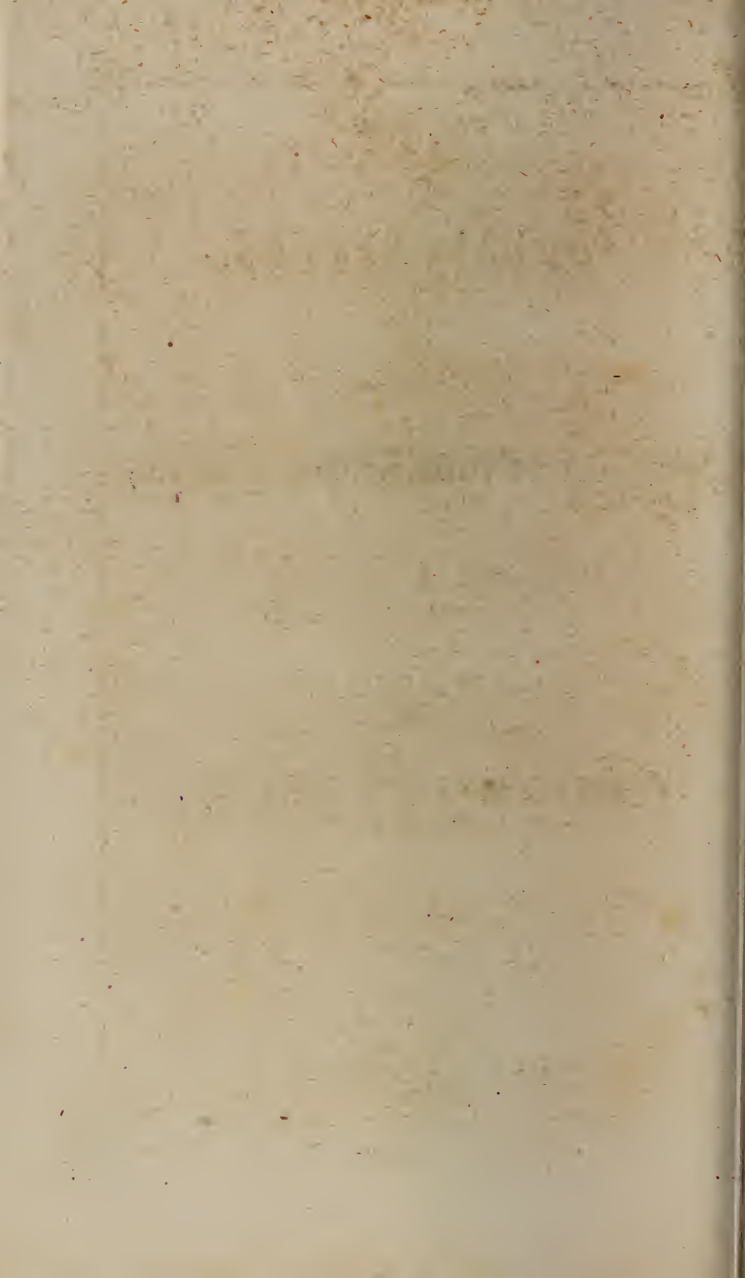
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A. FRANCIS JUDD, Recording Secretary.
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R. W. ANDREWS, Treasurer.

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L. CHAMBERLAIN, Treasurer.

Annual Meeting.

The "Hawaiian Mission Children's Society" held its Fourth Annual Meeting, May 17th, 1856, at the "Old School House," at Kawaiahao.

At half-past seven o'clock, the meeting was called to order by President Goodale, and the exercises were opened with prayer and singing.

The Fourth Annual Reports of the officers of the Society, together with an address from the Rev. J. D. Strong, in place of the customary address of the retiring President, as required by the By-Laws, were then presented to the Society and quite an audience of friends, who were present by special invitation.

A vote of thanks was then offered to Mr. Strong, for his highly interesting and instructive address.

An opportunity being offered for remarks, the Rev. Wm. Speer, formerly Missionary to China, addressed the Society with some entertaining and appropriate remarks.

The remaining business of the Annual Meeting was then laid over to an adjourned meeting, May 31st., to be held at the house of Dr. Judd.

Report of the Recording Secretary.

Although I am equally convinced with each of my three former predecessors in this honorable office, that our producing a report is superfluous, as it is unprovided for in the Constitution and By-Laws, still the fact that the Society might expect one at this time from me also, im-

pels me to lend the force of my example in fixing a precedent for my successors to follow.

The only instructions I can find for the Recording Secretary to obey, are found in Article III of the By-Laws, which enjoins upon him to "keep a record of the proceedings of the Society at its several meetings;" and I have endeavored to do this; but it has been utterly impossible for me to fulfil the duty specified in the following clause, viz:—"to keep charge of the books and papers of the Society; among which shall be included all reports and essays read before the Society."

The existence of such a clause, implies that, if any member has any "books, papers, reports or essays," it is his duty to transmit them to the Secretary, for he alone is responsible for their safe keeping. But let us see what success the present incumbent has had: he finds, now, after a year's duration in office, that he is in possession of the Secretary's Record Book, two small bundles of papers left him by the former Secretary, and he has accumulated but four essays, one small paper announcing the fact that an anonymous communication would be offered on a certain subject, and the President's report from the Executive Committee.

It would be gratifying to me, if I could transmit all these papers possessed by the Society, free from incumbrance to my fortunate successor.

I may be blamed for not having possession of them, and perhaps the Society may instruct me as to how I may obtain them.

A short summary of the various meetings during the year, I condense, as follows, from the regular minutes.

The first regular meeting this year was held at Maemae, Nuuanu Valley, at the house of Dr. Judd, date June 30th, 1855. After various money appropriations, an essay was read from S. E. Bishop, on the following question:—"Did the Protestant Missionaries at these Islands, make a mistake in using the Hawaiian, rather than the English, in teaching and printing?" Another essay was also read by W. Goodale on the same.

Second meeting was held in Nuuanu Valley, at Mr. Thurston's, July 28th, 1855, at which time the Vice President presided. The question, "Is fiction a proper medium for communicating truth?" produced no essays, but a lively discussion.

The third meeting was also held in Nuuanu, at Mr. O. H. Gulick's, August 25th, 1855.

C. S. Kittredge resigning as Treasurer, R. W. Andrews, was elected to hold that office the remainder of the year.

Another strong attempt to break down the barrier of exclusiveness surrounding us, was made by proposing to have a public address delivered before us; but the Society, in order to be consistent with the feeling of the majority, rejected it.

Fourth meeting held at Punahou, September 29th, 1855. The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from H. M. Lyman. One essay was produced by Samuel T. Alexander, on the question, "Is the introduction of the Chinese laborers an advantage to these Islands?"

Fifth meeting held October 27th, 1855, at Mr. Clark's. Essays were read by H. F. Coan, T. W. Gulick and M. A. Chamberlain, on the "Encouragements to Missionary effort."

Sixth meeting was held at Mrs. Chamberlain's November 24th, 1855, at which was discussed the question upon which essays were read at the meeting previous.

Seventh meeting convened at Mr. Clark's, December 29th, 1855. Two letters from L. H. Gulick were read, also one from Mrs. Mary Morse, and an essay by N. E. Emerson, on the following question:—"Would the Hawaiian churches flourish if left entirely to the care of native Pastors?"

Eighth meeting, January 26th, 1856, at Mr. Clark's. The Secretary being absent the Society elected T. G. Thurston, Secretary *pro tem*.

S. L. Austin was voted in as a member of the Society. The President from the Executive Committee, produced a report, proposing certain changes abolishing essayists,

and establishing two committeeships: one on Music, and the other on Anonymous Communications, who shall produce material for the profitable entertainment of the Society. The report was laid over for action at the next meeting.

The regular question—"To whom shall the Hawaiian Churches look for Pastors to supply the places that may be left vacant from time to time?" elicited no essays.

The ninth meeting was to have been held at Mrs. Dimond's, but as the weather was stormy, a small number of the members organized only to adjourn to the next Saturday evening, March 1st., at which time the Society convened at Mrs. Chamberlain's. The time was spent in discussing and adopting the changes mentioned above, and they now stand recorded the first two on the 84th, and the third change on the 86th page, of the Records.

Tenth meeting held at Mr. Clark's, March 29th, 1856. The new changes commenced operation favorably this evening, and the interest and attendance good.

Eleventh meeting took place at Mr. Armstrong's, April 26th, 1856.

Doubts as to whether this plan of conducting the meetings would succeed, seemed to be all dispelled by its favorable continued operation.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Miss Julia M. Richards. Prof. W. S. Clark, was admitted to the Society.

Two slight changes in the Constitution were proposed for action at the Annual meeting, found on the 89th and 90th pages of the Records.

Although I have never kept any account of the attendance during the year, still I should judge it to be quite as numerous as formerly, though not as it might be.

The Constitution and By-Laws seem to be deficient in one or two respects, even after so many late amendments and I think they call for a thorough revision.

A. FRANCIS JUDD,
Recording Secretary.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

The correspondence of the Society during the last year, has been more limited than that of any preceding year. But whatever news has been received from our cousins abroad, has, on the whole, been of a pleasing character.

Soon after our last annual meeting, copies of the annual report were sent to the different members of the Society, both residing at the Islands and elsewhere; and to many connected with the mission, were addressed notes inviting those of their children who had not already joined the Society, to connect themselves with us, and throw in their mite for the cause in which we are engaged. To a few of these notes answers were received; but whether or not they have been the means of increasing the list of members, we are unable to say.

Very interesting letters have been received, one from Henry M. Lyman, and one from Julia M. Richards, in behalf of the "Hawaiian Convention" of the members of our Society, held in New Haven, on the 26th of July last. Many of the Hawaiians had assembled to attend the commencement exercises of Yale, and to congratulate their friend and former schoolmate, Wm. D. Alexander, on his success; having just graduated with the highest honors. In the evening when the bustle and parade of commencement was over, they assembled at the residence of Mrs. Richard's, in the suburbs of the city, and talked over old times and past adventures, and dwelt with fond remembrance on that band of missionaries children, of which we formed an organized body, members of which most of them are. Having a short time previously received intelligence in regard to certain movements which had been made in our Society, to throw it open to the

admission of all classes of persons, the subject was naturally brought up for discussion, in which there was manifested a strong and unanimous disapprobation of any such change. Those of them who had had the privilege to attend any of our social gatherings here before they left their island homes, looked back to those happy times with the greatest pleasure, and those, even, who had left before the organization of the Society, regarded it with scarcely less interest. Testimony of this nature, from the absent members of our Society, should be a source of encouragement to us, to sustain the interest of our monthly meetings.

Letters have been received from cousin Halsey, dated Dec. 4th, 1854; March 26th, 1855, and January 29th, 1856.

Though in tolerable health, both he and his wife have lost much of the strength and vigor of which they were the possessors when they first left us. The only mode of traveling in those islands is in a canoe along the shore; and to a person not exceedingly skilled in the art of managing an unstable Bonabe canoe, it is an extremely difficult task, especially against a strong current or brisk wind. Continuous labor of this kind, and long and frequent exposure to damp and cold, has produced, in our cousin, its natural fruits. So difficult is it to move from place to place, that though he is longing to preach the gospel to the poor degraded people around him, he finds it almost totally impossible to accomplish anything except amongst those in his immediate vicinity. The greatest trial he complains of is, that he is able to accomplish so little missionary work. A good, faithful Hawaiian assistant at his station would be of the greatest value in furthering this work, for with his aid he could voyage around the island with comparative ease. But notwithstanding all the severe trials and hardships of the solitary missionaries on that distant isle, they feel no despondency, no heaviness of heart, in regard to the ultimate success of their work, but are hoping that, ere long, the day star will arise, and the glorious light of the gospel will dawn upon the darkness of those benighted hearts.

Of the Hawaiians now residing in the States, Wm. D. Alexander is filling a tutorship in Beloit College, Wisconsin, to which he had been appointed last July. In the same College as Professor of the Natural Sciences, is James Richards. Yale now contains but one Hawaiian, David D. Baldwin. Williams College, five—J. M. Alexander, Wm. Nevins Armstrong, J. T. Gulick, H. M. Lyman, and C. J. Lyons.

Last August, Chas. H. Judd, Elizabeth K. Judd, and Helen S. Judd, accompanied their mother on a visit to the United States. They are expected to return in the coming summer. The first of this year Sarah K. Clark, left for the States, by the way of Cape Horn, with her mother, and Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin.

Two have returned from the United States, this year,—A. K. Clark and S. N. Emerson; the former after a stay of but a few months, the latter of seven years.

During the year the circle of mission children has been increased by five, and the number of grand children by six, at these islands—one Armstrong, one Chamberlain, one Dimond and two Whitney's. In the United States one Richards. Amongst the grand-children, two deaths have taken place,—Cara Beckwith, aged six months, and Wm. R. Clark.

But one marriage has transpired this year among us, and that, of Carrie K. Clark to Mr. S. L. Austin.

A large portion of the members of the Society, residing at the islands, are pursuing a course of education in Oahu College, the Preparatory Department; and if the affairs of the institution continue prosperous, there is every reason to believe that many of them will remain here until having completed the regular college course.

WM. H. GULICK,
Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

THE cash receipts and expenditures of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society, for the year ending this May 17th, 1856, have been as follows:

Received for 26 Life Memberships,	- - - -	\$260 00
" " 59 Annual " "	- - - -	59 00
" " Monthly Contributions,	- - - -	152 67
" " Contributions from members out of Hon.,	- - - -	4 25
" " Donations,	- - - -	8 00
" " Sale of Reports,	- - - -	1 75
" " Amount of sum loaned to A. G. Thurston,	- - - -	625 00
Total,		\$1,110 67
Amount on hand, May 19th, 1856,		575 55
Total avails for the year,		\$1,686 22
Paid Castle & Cooke, for support of L. H. Gulick,	- - - -	500 00
" T. S. Seymour, for purchase of tools for Mr. Sturges,	- - - -	160 97
" For printing 300 of third annual Report,	- - - -	52 37
" " 1000 Certificates,	- - - -	16 00
" H. M. Whitney, for postage and stationery,	- - - -	3 07
" Loss by uncurrent coin,	- - - -	1 25
Total,		\$733 66
Balance on hand this day,		952 56
		\$1686 22

The following table will show the comparative value of the receipts for four years:

	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.
Life Members,	\$320 00	490 00	170 00	260 00
Annual Members	90 00	72 00	37 00	59 00
Con. and Dona.	219 39	216 23	275 66	164 92
Other sources,		11 50	32 25	126 75
Total for each year,	\$629 39	789 73	514 91	610 67

Of the members who have been connected with us,

upwards of a hundred and sixty in number, one hundred and twenty-one are now Life Members. It is evident that this, at present our largest source of income, will very soon be exhausted, and that we must rely almost wholly upon our contributions for the future. Knowing the scarcity of money which has been felt during the past year, we cannot find fault because more money has not been raised from contributions; yet, I think, even in this case, the amount might have been somewhat increased by the practice of systematic benevolence. I think that a small coin from each member at every meeting, will, in general, amount to more, at the end of the month or year, than a larger sum given by three quarters of the Society *occasionally*. The monthly contributions have varied in amount from \$33.20 to \$6.25, the mean being \$12.72. I would suggest that the plan of systematic benevolence, submitted by Mrs. Taylor some time ago, or any other, should be discussed in the Society; and believe that its adoption by individual members, would greatly increase the contributions from a portion of our Society.

Chas. S. Kittredge was Treasurer for the first three months of the past year, and on resigning reported a very favorable state of the finances, the number of life memberships during that time having been but one less, and the number of annual memberships, fourteen more, than the whole of the preceding year.

ROBERT W. ANDREWS,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

M. A. J. CHAMBERLAIN,
Vice President.

Adjourned Meeting.

NUUANU, June 31, 1856.

THE Society met at Dr. Judd's according to adjournment, and proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The returns were as follows :

WM. H GULICK, President,
S. E. HALL, Vice President,
S. C. ARMSTRONG, Recording Secretary,
M. J. CHAMBERLAIN, Corresponding Secretary,
L. CHAMBERLAIN, Treasurer.

The previously proposed amendments to the Constitution, were then put to vote, and the change in Article 7, page 90, was carried.

It was then moved and carried, that the Executive Committee cause to be printed 300 copies of the Annual Report, at the expense of the Society ; and said Report to consist of the reports of the officers, Mr. J. D. Strong's address, (if obtained,) the Constitution and By-Laws, and a list of all the Members ; also that the Corresponding Secretary provide the members with them.

It was then voted that the Corresponding Secretary invite by note, all those who have been, are now, or are entitled to be, members of this Society, to become active members, and sustain their part in the support, and improvement of the Society.

The meeting then adjourned to the third Saturday evening in May 1857.

Preamble.

WE, the Children of the American Protestant Mission to the Hawaiian Islands, desiring to strengthen the bond of union that naturally exists among us, and to cultivate the Missionary spirit among ourselves; also with the view of aiding in the support of the "Micronesian Mission," about to be sent forth, one of whose members is one of our own number, and for whose support we especially pledge ourselves, do hereby organize ourselves into a Social Missionary Society, under the following Constitution and By-Laws.

Constitution.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called "The Hawaiian Mission Children's Society."

ART. 2. The design of this Society is to cherish and promote union among its members, to cultivate in them an active missionary spirit; to stir them up to good works, and more especially to assist in the support of those children who may go forth from these Islands on Christian Missions.

ART. 3. Any descendant of those who are, or who have been, members of the American Protestant Mission to these islands, is entitled to join this Society by paying into the treasury the sum of One Dollar annually, which shall constitute one an annual member, or paying at any one time the sum of Ten Dollars, which shall constitute one a Life Member.

ART. 4. Any person, not included in the third article may be permitted to join the Society upon the same terms with those who are, by the consent of four-fifths of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society; the vote to be taken by ballot.

ART. 5 The officers of this Society, shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society by ballot, to hold office for one year, and shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Society. Female members of the Society are eligible, equally with the male, to any of these offices.

ART. 6. No one is eligible to fill the office of President for two consecutive years.

ART. 7. The Society shall hold a regular meeting on the last Saturday evening of each month; and an annual meeting on the second Saturday evening in May.

ART. 8. Each member shall receive a certificate of membership in the following form, to be signed by the President and countersigned by the Treasurer.

Charity suffereth long and is kind; is not easily provoked and thinketh no evil. COR. XIII, 4, 5.	<p>Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. PS. CXXIII. 1.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">This may Certify that</p> <hr/> <p>Having paid the sum of _____ Dollars into the Treasury, is a _____ member of the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hawaiian Mission Children's Society.</p> <p>HONOLULU, _____ 185 _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Signed) _____ President.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Treasurer.</p> <hr/> <p>Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. MARK XVI. 15.</p>	One generation passeth away and another cometh, but the earth abideth for ever. ECCLES. I. 4.
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ART. 9. Alterations in this Constitution may be made at the annual meeting, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, such alterations having been previously proposed at a regular meeting of the Society.

By-Laws.

ART. 1. The President shall preside over the meetings of the Society; deliver an address before the Society at its annual meeting upon vacating his office; appoint all committees; sign all certificates of membership; arrange the programme of exercises for each regular meeting, consulting with the Chairman of the various Committees, and he may convene the Society to special meetings at his discretion.

ART. 2. The Vice President shall audit the annual Report of the Treasurer, and perform all the duties of the President in case of his absence.

ART. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society at its several meetings, and shall have charge of the books and papers of the Society, among which shall be included all reports and essays read before the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence directed by the Society, at home and abroad.

ART. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all monies belonging to the Society; pay over such monies as may be from time to time directed by the Executive Committee, for the purpose of defraying such expenses as shall have been incurred by order of the Society; shall countersign all certificates of membership; and shall, at the annual meeting of the Society, present an accurate statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Society during the year, which shall be audited by the Vice President.

ART. 5. The members of the Society are bound to attend the regular meetings of the Society, so far as may be possible; to perform all such duties as may from time to time be assigned to them; to collect all information that may be useful or interesting to the Society; and at each regular meeting, contribute to the fund of the Society, according to their generosity and means.

ART. 6. The regular monthly meetings of the Society shall be opened by Prayer and Singing; the Minutes of the last meeting shall be read by the Secretary; a collection shall be taken up by the Treasurer. Any general business may then be transacted. The entertainment provided for, in Article VII, shall then be in order, after which the meeting shall be closed by singing.

ART. 7. There shall be a Committee of three on Music, and another of two on anonymous communications, who shall be chosen quarterly, to aid in providing for the profitable entertainment of each monthly meeting.

ART. 8. These By-Laws may be altered or annulled by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, notice of each amendment having been given at the meeting next preceding.

**NAMES OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE
HAWAIIAN
MISSION CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.**

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. B. G. Snow,	Mrs. Lydia V. Snow,
Rev. A. A. Sturges,	Mrs. Susan M. Sturges.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Alexander, Wm. Dewitt	Andrews, Robert W.
Alexander, James M.	Andrews, George P.
Alexander, Samuel T.	Andrews, Samuel C.
Alexander, Henry M.	Armstrong, William N.
Alexander, Mary J.	Austin, Stafford L.
Alexander, Ann E.	Austin, Mrs. Caroline H.
Andrews, Lorrin jr.	
Bailey, Edward H.	Beckwith, Mrs. Caroline P.
Bailey, Horatio B.	Beckwith, George E.
Bailey, William H.	Bishop, Rev. Sereno E.
Bailey, James C.	Bishop, Mrs. Cornelia A.
Baldwin, D. Dwight	Bishop, Jane E.
Baldwin, Abbie C.	Bond, Ellen M.
Beckwith, Edward G.	Bond, George S.

Bond, E. Cornelius
Bond, Thos. Spencer

Castle, Mary T.
Chamberlain, Warren
Chamberlain, J. Evarts
Chamberlain, Maria J.
Chamberlain, Martha A.
Chamberlain, James P.
Chamberlain, Levi
Chamberlain, Isabella
Chapin, Elizabeth D.
Clark, William S.

Dole, George H.

Emerson, Samuel N.
Emerson, Nathaniel E.
Emerson, Oliver P.

Goodale, Warren
Goodale, Mrs. Ellen R.
Gulick, Rev. L. H.
Gulick, Mrs. Louisa L.
Gulick, Orramel H.
Gulick, Mrs. Ann E.

Hardy, Mrs. Elizabeth M.
Hardy, Alice F.

Judd, Laura F.

Kinney, Louisa W.
Kinney, Henry A.

Lyman, Henry M.
Lyman, David B. jr.
Lyman, Rufus A.
Lyman, Ellen E.
Lyman, Francis O.

Paris, Mary A.

Bond, Caroline S.

Clark, Mrs. Harriet K.
Clark, Alvah K.
Clark, Sarah K.
Clark, Lucinda M.
Coan, T. Munson
Coan, Harriet F.
Coan, Sarah E.
Coan, Samuel Latimer
Cooke, Martha E.

Dibble, Clara H.

Emerson, Justin E.
Emerson, Joseph

Gulick, John T.
Gulick, Charles F.*
Gulick, Wm. Hooker
Gulick, Theodore W.
Gulick, Thomas L.
Gulick, Julia Ann E.

Holman, Thomas*

Johnson, Sarah E.

Kinney, Harriet S.*
Kittredge, Charles S.

Lyman, Emma W.
Lyons, Curtis J.
Lyons, Fidelia M.
Lyons, Albert B.
Lyons, Elizabeth W.

Pogue, Jane K.

* Deceased.

Pogue, Mrs. Maria K.
Pogue, Samuel W.

Rice, Hannah M.
Rice, William H.
Rice, Emily D.
Richards, Dr. James A.
Richards, Levi Lyman
Richards, Helen C.

Seymour, Theodore S.
Stewart, Martha W.
Stewart, Charles

Taylor, Rev. T. E.
Taylor, Mrs. Persis G.
Taylor, Lucy
Taylor, Mary
Taylor, George B.

Wetmore, Charles H. jr.
Wetmore, Frances M.
Whitney, Rev. Samuel W.
Wilcox, Albert S.

Pogue, Emily E.

Richards, Julia M.
Rowell Melvina C.
Rowell, William E.
Rowell, Clara M.
Rowell, Marion Eliza

Speer, John E.
Speer, James R.
Speer, Hetty M.

Thurston, Asa G.
Thurston, Mrs. Sarah
Thurston, Mary H.
Thurston, Thomas G.

Wilcox, Charles H.
Wilcox, George N.
Wilcox, Edward P.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Andrews, Lucy C.
Armstrong, Samuel C.

Bailey, Charles A.
Baldwin, Henry P.
Baldwin, Emily S.

Castle, Mary T.
Castle, C. Alfred
Castle, Harriet A.
Chamberlain, Mrs. Celia

Andrews, Mary C.*

Baldwin, Harriet M.
Bond, William Lee
Bond, Benj. Davis

Conde, Susan H.
Conde, Paulina W.
Conde, Charles A.
Conde, Samuel L.

*Deceased.

Cooke, Joseph P.
Cooke, Mary A.

Dimond, Wm. Henry
Dimond, Ann Maria

Emerson, Sophia E.

Hall, Sophia E.
Hall, Caroline A.

Judd, Harriet B.
Judd, Helen S.

Lyman, Frederick S.

Paris, Anna M.
Paris, Ella H.

Rowell, Marion E.
Rowell, George A.

Shipman, William H.
Stangenwald, Hugo
Stangenwald, Mrs. Mary C.

Cooke, Juliette M.

Dimond, Julia H.
Dole, Sanford B.

Hall, William W.

Judd, A. Francis
Judd, S. Augusta

Paris, John D. jr.

Rowell, Ellen L.
Rowell, Mary A.

Stangenwald, William H.*
Smith, Emma L.
Smith, L. Augustus

* Deceased.



